



County of Los Angeles  
Department of Public Social Services

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TO: Each Supervisor

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FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

**SUBJECT: OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS (BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOTION - DECEMBER 17, 2002 - SYN 108)**

This is to provide you with a report on my Department's response to Supervisor Antonovich's Motion approved by your Board on December 17, 2002. The motion directed the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), and the Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS), to consider and evaluate opportunities for faith-based organizations (FBOs) to participate in social services programs in accordance with the new Executive Order regarding faith-based initiatives issued by President Bush.

On December 12, 2002, President Bush signed an Executive Order on Equal Treatment for Charities. The purpose of this Executive Order is to encourage churches, synagogues, mosques and other religious groups to assist the poor, the sick and the elderly. The Executive Order does not alter the treatment of FBOs under applicable federal law and regulations, including the Charitable Choice provisions which apply to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

In response to your December 17, 2002 motion, my staff has canvassed our department, as well as our partner departments, to capture our existing relationships with FBOs. This compilation includes both financial and non-financial relationships with FBOs, however it does not include FBO child care providers who are selected directly by CalWORKs participants. My department currently has a relationship with 115 FBOs, of which 31 are financial, and 84 are non-financial. This includes relationships established by other county departments in relation to funding provided by DPSS.

The services provided by FBOs pursuant to financial agreements include: welfare-to-work case management; child care training/workshops; family preservation services; emergency food and shelter; rent assistance; and services for teens, such as teen leadership development, computer literacy, employment preparation, mentoring, counseling, conflict resolution, supportive services, life-skills, pregnancy prevention, anger management, and case management.

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Current non-financial relationships with FBOs include: CalWORKs Time Limits Presentations; Employment and Training; Anger Management; Parenting Classes; Group Workshops; Character-Building; After-School Care; and Medi-Cal Outreach.

These collaborative relationships are also being pursued on a broader, countywide level through the work of the Faith-Based Organizations Collaborative Council (FBOCC), which was established by the New Directions Task Force on April 11, 2000 and includes FBOs and County health and human services departments. In many ways, the President's Executive Order is exactly aligned with the goals of the FBOCC, which are to promote collaboration between County departments and FBOs and assist FBOs in developing the technical expertise to compete on a level-playing field for funding administered by County departments

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